

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/606,927

Examiner

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Art Unit

3634

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to telephonic interview on 9/13/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date attached hereto.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other change to Figure 12.

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The proposed drawing change (new Figure 12) has been approved by the Examiner. Furthermore, an additional change to Figure 12 has been made by the Examiner, i.e., element 34' has been added to describe the third clutch.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the specification, the following change has been made:

On page 14, line 25, --34' (shown in Figure 12)—has been inserted after "clutch".

In the claims, the following changes have been made:

In claim 1, line 24, "can be rotated" has been changed to --is rotatable--;

In line 25, "can be successively rotated" has been changed to
--is successively rotatable--;

In claim 4, line 25, "can be rotated" has been changed to --is rotatable--;

In lines 26-27, "can be successively rotated" has been changed to
--is successively rotatable--;

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In claim 5, line 30, "can be rotated" has been changed to --is rotatable--;
and

In line 31, "can be successively rotated" has been changed to
--is successively rotatable--.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview
with Mr. Neimark on 9/13/2005.

Claims 1-5 are allowable.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the recitation
of a power device in combination with a vehicle door comprising a rear door latch unit, a
swing arm coupled with a ratchet of the rear door latch unit releasing the latch of the
door when rotated, a first clutch interposed between an output shaft of a motor and a
wire drum, a second clutch interposed between the output shaft of the motor and the
swing arm and the swing arm being rotatable through the first clutch and the wire drum
is successively rotatable through the second clutch by a continuous rotation of the
motor executed once or a power device in combination with a vehicle door comprising a
door latch unit, a cable take-up unit coupled with a latch of the door latch unit rotating
the latch from a half-latched position to a full-latched position when rotated, a first clutch
interposed between an output shaft of a motor and wire drum, a second clutch

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interposed between the output shaft of the motor and the cable take-up unit, and the cable take-up unit is rotatable through the first clutch and the wire drum is successively rotatable through the second clutch by the continuous rotation of the motor executed once is seen as an unobvious improvement over the art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jerry Redman at telephone number 571-272-6835.


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NEW DRAWING SHEET

FIG. 12

